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PONTOON BRIDGE
THANH HOA, NORTH VIETNAM
1950N 10548E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A PONTOON BRIDGE BY-PASSING THE THANH HOA RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG MA

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2. REMARKS:

THIS AREA HAS BEEN THE OBJECT OF NUMEROUS AIR STRIKES SINCE EARLY 1965. THIS RIVER CROSSING IS SITUATED ON THE VITAL VINH/HA NOI RAIL LINE.

3. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS A SERVICEABLE PONTOON BRIDGE JUST SOUTH OF THE THANH HOA RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE, WHICH APPEARS SERVICEABLE. THREE FERRY BOATS ARE ALONG THE WEST BANK OF THE SONG MA, ONE THOUSAND METERS SOUTH OF THE RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE. A RAILROAD TURNING WYE/TRANSSHIPMENT POINT WITH APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-TWO PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK IS LOCATED FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY METERS SOUTHEAST OF THE RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND POOR QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDE A MORE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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